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Incoming Saint Leo freshman murdered

BY JOSHUA M. SMITH
Lions' Pride Online Editor

Saint Leo University's incoming class of 2011 is short one student.

Eighteen-year-old Amanda Buckley of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida was slated to attend the fall 2007 semester at the University Campus on a softball scholarship. However, on July 20 she was strangled to death. Twenty-six-year-old Jason Shenfeld was arrested for the crime after his parents found Buckley's dead body in his closet and called 911.

Shenfeld had previously been arrested on robbery, battery, drug, and alcohol charges dating back to 2000. In December of 2006, he had been arrested on charges of sexual assault with a weapon, sexual battery, kidnapping, and false imprisonment but was released after prosecutors dropped the charges.

Shenfeld has been formally charged with first-degree murder, three counts of sexual battery and kidnapping in the rape and murder of Buckley. He has pleaded not guilty. Recently released documents in the case have revealed that Buckley had been friends with Shenfeld for less than a year and that his DNA was found on duct tape tangled in her hair and on her underwear. If found guilty, prosecutors may seek the death penalty for Shenfeld.

Photo courtesy Allen Eyestone/Palm Beach Post
Buckley playing softball for Palm Beach Gardens High School

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Saint Leo recently named "Leading Southern University"

BY ELIZABETH D'ONOFRIO
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According to *US News and World Report*, students have even more reason to take pride in their school. Saint Leo was recently named as a "Leading Southern Universities."

Saint Leo is known to be both academically and athletically outstanding. Students also know it is a great school from their own personal experiences.

"To say the least, I feel very proud to be attending such an honorable school like Saint Leo," said junior Megan McDonald. "What I like most about this school, which separates it from most others, is the faculty is not only incredibly intelligent in their fields, but they also genuinely care about each and every student."

The top universities for the year are selected by a tedious process. The types of universities included in this assessment are liberal arts colleges, baccalaureate colleges, universities with masters degrees, and national universities.

The ranking of a particular school consists of seven categories that help to judge a university. These seven categories include peer assessment, graduation and retention rate, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and graduation rate performance. The interesting thing about this process is the universities are chosen because of their excellence in certain fields. The categories help those judging to see which schools have the best track record.

"From my educational experience, I believe we, the students, have an intelligent and hardworking group of professors, and any accolades presented by *US News and World Report* are much deserved," said senior Jarrod Brooks.

Obviously, Saint Leo scored high in each of these categories to be placed on such a list. The honor of being chosen as a leading Southern University makes it quite clear the students here at Saint Leo are leading the way to a brighter future.

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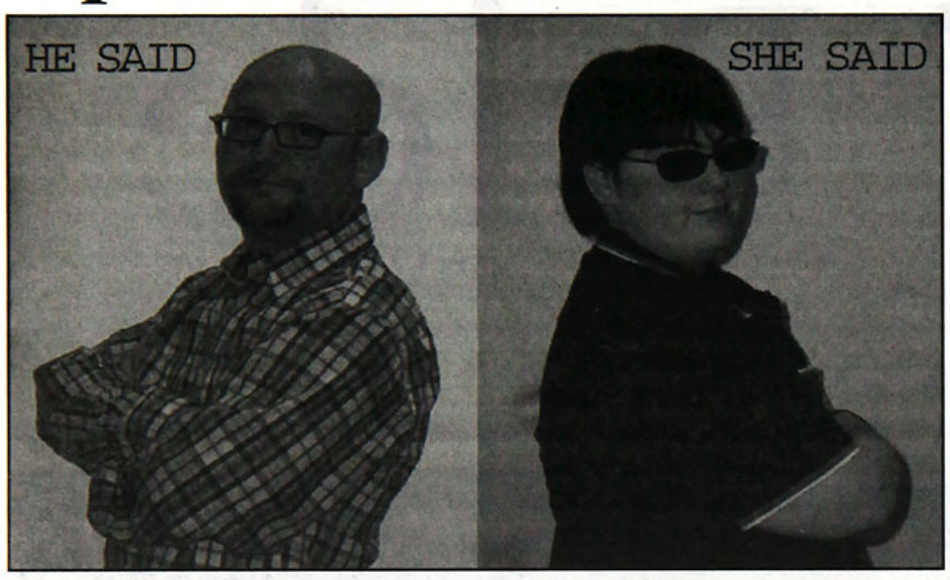

Log on and live free

BY KATIE GAISER
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Although social networking websites such as Myspace.com and Facebook.com are sometimes considered distracting and otherwise unnecessary websites to surf, college students should be responsible enough to know when and where it is appropriate to utilize these sites.

In recent years, social networking websites have gained massive popularity across the globe. Websites including Myspace.com and Facebook.com have become worldwide phenomenon, with many more kids, teens, and adults logging on each day.

These sites have become especially popular throughout college communities. There are many positive reasons for having site accounts, as long as a student is mature enough to find a proper balance between work and play time.

Because Saint Leo offers laptops to all incoming freshmen, many students now have full access to the internet and can use these websites to keep in touch with friends and family they left behind. It's not easy leaving home for the first time, and having a regular method of maintaining contact with those familiar faces they have to do without is both comforting and reassuring.

Facebook and Myspace are especially useful to those who have traveled to Saint Leo from far away places like the Virgin Islands and England. The use of these websites prevents the expense of long distance calling and the uncertainty in the use of US postal services.

As students keep in touch with their current friends, they also have

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At best: a distraction. At worst: a danger

BY JOSHUA M. SMITH
Lions' Pride Online Editor

MySpace.com, Facebook.com, and other social networking sites are hugely popular. Chances are if you aren't reading this newspaper, you are busy reading comments on your MySpace page. While social networking over the Internet is a fun and popular pastime, many young people do not realize how their extended use of such sites affects their academic lives, personal privacy, and even their physical safety.

I recently had the opportunity to tutor incoming freshman as part of the LEAP program. This experience really opened my eyes to just how pervasive social networking sites have become. During study hall sessions, it wasn't uncommon to see 60-70 percent of the students browsing MySpace pages from their Saint Leo-issued laptops instead of studying. While it is understandable that students visit such sites after they've finished their assignments, I couldn't help but feel badly for their parents who spent thousands of dollars to give their college-bound kids a head start only to have that opportunity used for idle recreation.

Indeed, the presence of student laptops in classes becomes more and more controversial every year as new distractions become available to students. I've witnessed more than one Saint Leo instructor have to ask students to close their laptops during class. Apparently, MySpace is not considered "classroom participation" in most course syllabi. Worse than that, often the instructors don't realize what is being browsed on student laptop screens, so the student misses the discussion entirely. I cannot help but wonder just how badly student grades suffer due to time spent in and out of class browsing social networking sites.

The Internet has a way of making people believe they have some anonymity while surfing. Website registrations promise to keep personal information confidential, which leads some to post extensive details of their personal lives for the world to see. In reality, these social networking sites are easily searched through, and personal details are often freely posted in public areas. While the current generation seems to have less shame than previous ones, it is hard to imagine that people would freely provide intimate details of their lives to perfect strangers as is routinely done on social networking sites. These details have a way of attracting eyes one might not expect to find them, as

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The trials and tribulations of being a canvasser

BY SIMONE WILLIAMS
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Most people don't know what the word canvasser means. Even more people don't care. All they know is the person coming to their door is annoying. Automatically, canvassers are assumed to be bothersome people selling magazines, vacuums, or trying to change their religion. That is entirely not the case. According Webster's dictionary, a canvasser is "a petitioner who solicits contributions, trade, votes." I was a canvasser.

This past summer, I spent nearly four months going door-to-door as a canvasser for the Connecticut Citizen's Action Group. What I thought was going to be a regular summer job turned out to be a life-changing experience. I was told in the interview I would be doing "activist-type work." This included educating the public on the current issues by passing out flyers, going door-to-door, sending mailings, and calling members. My main job, however, would be getting new members. It all sounded relatively easy to me. Who wouldn't be interested in fixing the healthcare crisis in Connecticut? I certainly was.

My first day was a training day. I spent the first three hours with another trainee named Melissa learning the rap, that is, the speech we would be giving to people at their doors. I learned the rap quickly enough and was excited to get out onto my designated turf and get new members. My boss, Billie, stayed with Melissa and I the entire day. It was a piece of cake. Billie got us five new members in the first hour and a half. During check-out, Billie told me she thought I had the skills to be a canvasser. I was asked to return the next day. Eagerly, I accepted the job and so started my summer as an activist.

My first week alone opened my eyes to the true savage nature of most human beings. Many doors were closed in my face mid-speech, even more were slammed violently. I had people call me stupid for believing the healthcare crisis would change in Connecticut because of a signature and a donation. People chased me off their property calling me a "hippie" and a "rebel rouser," and that was before I could even say "Hi, my name is Simone." There were several instances where dogs were let loose on me. One man wouldn't call his dog back, and the Rottweiler followed me up the street.

I thought this truly couldn't be the way people deem fit to deal with me. I didn't look imposing or threatening at all. Stereotypically, females are the less feared sex. So why did I have people talking to me through their window screens or the mail slots in their doors? Why were the police called on me several times a week? Why did young children tell me their parents weren't home when I could clearly see them in the next room?

I was called a Communist, a tree hugger, an idiot, stupid, and a Nader-lover. My clipboard was stolen, broken in half, thrown onto the ground, and spit on. I was almost arrested because I didn't have ID on me and a feeble looking old woman feared I was trying to con her out of her money. A man slammed the door on my clipboard and hand, crushing my finger and almost breaking it. He didn't even apologize.

But not all of my nights were bad. I was often invited inside people's houses to escape the heat and given water. Previous canvassers for other organizations knew what it was like and often contributed just because. The richer citizens thought it was hilarious that I walked the entire mile long driveway and sometimes gave for that reason. Still, there were others who truly believed in the cause and donated even when they didn't have enough money.

All in all, the point I'm trying to make is this: think twice before slamming a door in someone's face. Having been on the receiving end of said action, I can say it is one of the most uncaring and cruelest things you can do. I wish I could apologize to all the salesmen and Jehovah's witnesses who came to my door. I know what it's like to have someone open the door and tell me they don't like solicitors. I know what it's like to be ignored. I'd rather just be told no. At the very least, I know that you know my name.

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Campus safety tips

BY JOSHUA SMITH
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As a new semester begins, an old foe continues to exist: danger. According to www.securityon campus.org, there are many concerns students should considered to maintain their safety on a college campus.

·Freshmen should "respectfully decline" to have photo and personal information published for distribution to the campus community. Fraternities and upperclassmen have abused this type of publication to "target" naive freshmen.

·Study the campus and neighborhood with respect to routes between your residence and class/activities schedule. Know where emergency phones are located.

·Share your class/activities schedule with parents and a network of close friends, effectively creating a type of "buddy" system. Give network telephone numbers to your parents, advisors, and friends.

·Always travel in groups. Use a shuttle service after dark. Never walk alone at night. Avoid "shortcuts."

·Survey the campus, academic buildings, residence halls, and other facilities while classes are in session and after dark to see that buildings, walkways, quad-rangles, and parking lots are adequately secured, lit, and patrolled. Are emergency phones, escorts, and shuttle services adequate?

·To gauge the social scene, drive down fraternity row on weekend nights and stroll through the student hangouts. Are people behaving responsibly, or does the situation seem reckless and potentially dangerous? Remember, alcohol and/or drug abuse is involved in about 90% of campus crime. Carefully evaluate off-campus student apartment complexes and fraternity houses if you plan to live off-campus.

·Always lock your doors and first and second floor windows at night . Never compromise your safety for a roommate who asks you to leave the door unlocked.

·Do not leave your identification, wallets, checkbooks, jewelry, cameras, and other valuables in open view.

·Program your phone's speed dial memory with emergency numbers that include family and friends.

·Know your neighbors and don't be reluctant to report illegal activities and suspicious loitering.

SLU TV hard at work

BY SIMONE WILLIAMS
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The SLU TV team is hard at work this year with more than ten hours of footage from the summer. Currently, they are working with Chris Metcalf to learn how to properly use editing software.

SLU TV is hoping to make their big debut sometime in early October. The more people they have to edit, the quicker things will get done.

Just like last year, the team is encouraging interested students to join. Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in the library conference room, which is located in the basement.

All interested applicants should bring a resume and a short paragraph detailing why they would like to join the SLU TV team. The director Shari Oliver can be contacted at *shari.oliver@saintleo.edu* for further details.

Campus Cooking

BY KRISTIN BRITTAIN
Lions' Pride Editor in Chief

Campus cooking is not just limited to popcorn and hot chocolate. Check out these three great dishes to get you from morning until night without having to brave the cafeteria.

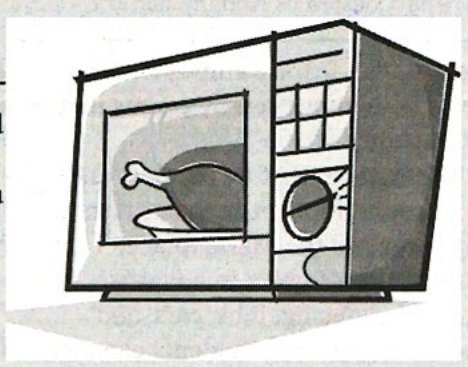
Breakfast: SLU Egg and Cheese Biscuit

Ingredients:
·1 English muffin
·1 Slice of American cheese
·1 Egg
Optional: meat (microwavable sausage, bacon, or ham.)

Directions: In a microwavable mug or cup, break egg into cup, microwave on a low setting for 45 seconds (1 minute tops). Spoon onto one side of English muffin; add cheese and choice of meat.

Lunch: Cheese Quesadilla

Ingredients:
·2 tortillas (1 for half)
·Desired amount of shredded cheese
Optional toppings: salsa, sour cream, guacamole, peppers, or onions.



Directions: Lay tortilla flat on plate; add desired amount of cheese, and optional toppings, and cook for 20 seconds. Add top tortilla and cook again for 15-20 seconds.

Dinner: Pizza

Ingredients:
·Choice of 1 bagel, English muffin, or tortilla
·3 tbsp. of jarred tomato sauce
·Desired amount of mozzarella shredded cheese
Optional toppings: pepperoni, onions, peppers, etc.

Directions: Spread tomato sauce evenly on both halves of bread; add cheese and optional toppings; microwave 35-45 seconds, or until cheese is melted.

Bon appetite!

The dangers of bottled water

BY KRISTIN BRITTAIN
Lions' Pride Editor in Chief

Florida, also called the Sunshine State, is known for its sandy white beaches and scorching hot sun. Not only is that a college student's dream, but it is a water bottle company's gold mine.

Some days reach over an unbearable 90 degrees, and the best way to endure the high temperature is to stay well- hydrated. Between feeling fatigue and headaches, many students walk around campus with water, a great way to keep enough fluids in their bodies while trekking across campus.

The problem doesn't reside in drinking water; the problem is what students drink water out of and where they get it from.

"I love bottled water, especially because of the convenience," said junior Jimmi Muccilli.

But what students are paying for in convenience, the environment is paying for in a loss of resources by hauling bottled water from hundreds of miles away.

Not only does it burn hundreds of gallons of fuel, but it also takes a lot of oil to make the little plastic bottles. Thrty-eight million bottles are produced every year using 1.5 million barrels of oil. Plus, there's wasted energy used to get the water, treat, and bottle it.

Many people use bottled water because they assume it is cleaner then tap water.

"It's supposed to be purer than the faucet water," said junior Robert Bellew.

However, this is not the case when students take into account tap water gets tested more frequently than bottled water. The FDA tests bottled water only once a year. This is not even considering the bacteria storing bottled water creates.

Saint Leo is not exactly hip to the recycling scene. A possible bacterium ridden bottle of refreshing goodness does not override the appeal of free, reliable tap water.

Next time you are on your way to class, and it feels like it is 150 degrees out, consider the environment and your health before buying that $1.50 bottle of water.

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Buckley also had a history of brushes with the law. As reported in the *Palm Beach Post*, her parents have stated that Buckley was on probation for a cocaine charge. She'd been arrested in October of 2006 on charges of possession of depressants and drug paraphernalia. In 2005, Buckley was accused of assault on an 18-year-old at a party. And on New Years Eve 2004, Buckley was arrested for shoplifting.

In a recent interview with the *Saint Petersburg Times*, Saint Leo University softball coach Christi Wade called Buckley a "brilliant young lady who was going to come up and do some great things for us. It's a tragic way to lose a life."

Jason Shenfeld

Amanda Buckley

Amanda Buckley was remembered in the Convocation Mass celebrated on Thursday, September 6 in Saint Leo's Abbey Church.

Brand New Facebook Applications

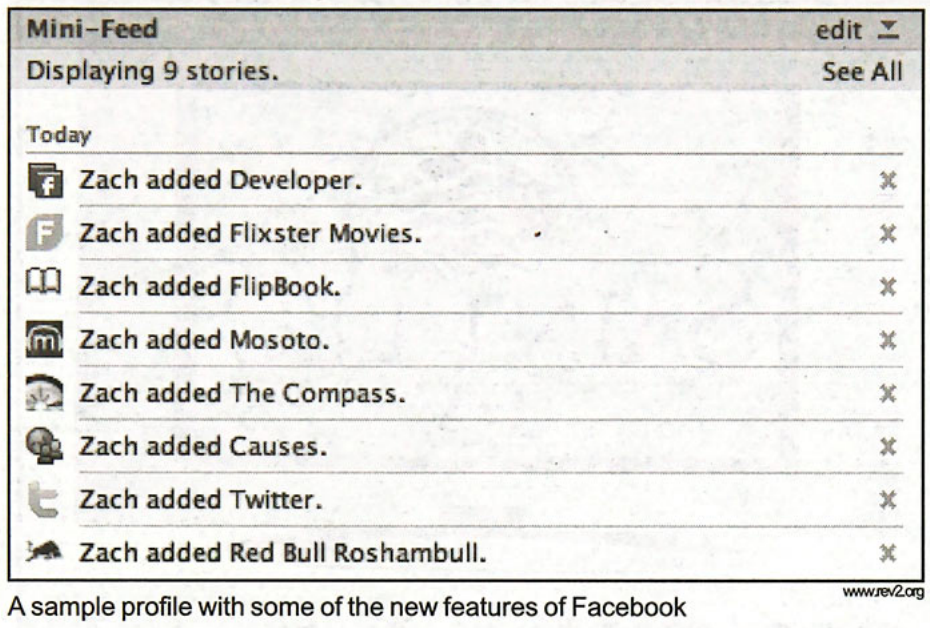
BY JESSICA SWANSON
Lions' Pride Copy Editor

What do college, employment, loans, and Facebook.com all have in common? If you thought to yourself, hey, they all have applications, then you were right.

Of course, the Facebook applications are entirely different than the other three applications mentioned. For one thing, it isn't necessary to gather a large amount of personal records and then spend hours pouring over them in frustration just to get started on adding a new Facebook application, like it is for college, a job, or a loan. To some, however, the new Facebook applications can be just as confusing.

But, what exactly is a Facebook application? Basically, it's a little program designed by the Facebook.com staff or by a member of the site community to make each member's homepage a little more personal. By adding various applications, members can customize their Facebook home pages to be as individual as they are.

As of late August, there were more than 2000 applications available on Facebook for optimum hompage customization, with more being added everyday. There are currently 22 application categories to choose from, ranging from "alerts" to "video."



A sample profile with some of the new features of Facebook

While there are thousands of applications to choose from on Facebook.com, which allow users to do anything from designing their own personal cartoon characters to checking their daily horoscope, there is one application that's sure to be big news among college-age users: Roommater.

Created by Mpire, an online meta-shopping service, along with Rent.com, Roommater is designed to help college students find local roommates online based on certain criteria like budget, among other things. Students are able to search within their zip code for an available roommate and are alerted when others do the same.

Matt Hulett, the chairman and CEO of Mpire, describes Roommater to *U-wire* staff as a "safer and more efficient way to find roommates than some traditional roommate resources such as local classifieds…and bulletin board postings." He also noted that by using Roommater, students would be able to locate roommates without having to share personal contact information or being charged for their services. In fact, Rent.com even offered a $100 discount off apartment purchases made via the website application.

Honestly, what more could the college-age Facebook.com users ask for aside from friendly, new off-campus roommates and possible apartment rental discounts? Perhaps they could ask for faster application loading. But, hey, it's just a suggestion.

Give yourself some credit

BY SIMONE WILLIAMS
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Everyone's received that letter in the mail from credit card companies. They come right around the time kids are heading for college. All of them promise some sort of "deal" available only to college students. Sometimes that deal is 5 percent cash back on all purchases for 6 months, while other times its a guaranteed $1,500 credit limit. Heaven forbid they throw in a free T-shirt or free food for just applying.

However tempting these offers may be, students should be wary. Credit card companies are not stupid. They target college students and campuses knowing most students will max out these cards.

Money Magazine recommends first time users get a credit card that has a relatively low credit limit. Credit card companies that offer rewards programs are also good. Some companies have rewards programs for getting good grades, which is great incentive to keep the GPA up.

A few good institutions students should check out are Citigroup, Discover Financial Services, and Capital One. Also, Money Magazine has a list of the top ten credit cards for college students.

Next time there's a letter in the mail promising a free T-shirt that says "College" and a $1,000 credit limit, students should think twice before applying.

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the opportunity to make new friends. Since each website holds millions of users worldwide, the diversity of these online communities offers a wide variety people to befriend. Users can "friend" people with common interests, as well as people completely different from themselves (perhaps in an attempt to learn about cultures they previously had no knowledge of). In the social networking community, there are no boundaries or obstacles in maintaining new friendships, only the ease of quick communication.

What is also unique about these sites is students have the opportunity to express themselves through special features on their user profiles. Myspace offers about a million different layouts, music and video choices, virtual pets, and even blogs students can use to essentially create themselves on a webpage.

In recent months, Facebook has exploded with new features college students can use to express themselves with including music and movies, political views, various causes, sports teams, and personal heritage, just to name a few. Now college students have plenty of features to choose from in creating the ultimate profile.

Facebook and Myspace also offer exposure to different events happening in one's community. Activities like concerts, festivals, plays, and other events are advertised all over these sites and can even be specified to any chosen area.

With just a few minutes of surfing, this feature allows students to find out about nearby events that interest them.

Perhaps one of the coolest and most useful tools Facebook offers to date is called the Marketplace. This feature allows users to advertise available housing, jobs, cars, and textbooks for sale. Students can also place want ads for anything specific they may be looking for. The Marketplace even allows the option of advertising free items to be given away. This feature is a fabulous tool from which virtually everyone can benefit.

As with any networking website available to the general public, there are some users out there who are of the dangerous sort. However, no user is required to list any information they do not wish to share. Things like personal addresses, phone numbers, dorm rooms, and other contact information can be limited or completely left out on any user profile.

Furthermore, the students who are posting this information should be fully aware of the consequences and be prepared to deal with them. These websites offer full privacy options. Students can make their profiles private, preventing anyone who isn't a friend from seeing their page.

They can also choose who can view their pictures, blogs, and comments made by other users. Those who want to be protected can be.

When used intelligently and safely, social networking websites can be a wonderful asset to students. Their features are entertaining as well as useful, and there's always something for everyone.

Students are encouraged to check out these websites if they haven't already at *www.facebook.com*, and *www.myspace.com*.

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in the countless cases of parents who check up on their kids by clandestinely viewing their kids' MySpace pages.

But it's not just parents who troll the Internet for details on social networking sites. Others with a less protective, more sinister desire take an earnest interest in publicized profiles as well. Stories upon stories run in newspapers, on television, and on internet news sites about the growing ability of stalkers to harass their prey via the Internet, sometimes with tragic results.

Sites like MySpace have been rife with sexual predators since the beginning of their existence, and men who seemed safe and normal online have turned out to be the opposite after meeting with their social networking contacts in real life. I can only hope MySpace and Facebook users take into account just who may be viewing their personal information, but news stories of criminal activity targeting social networking site users have quickly dashed that hope.

The danger is particularly high for female college students. In an interview for a story in *USA Today*, Allison Kiss of the non-profit group Security on Campus said that instant messaging systems and social networking sites make a stalker's job much easier.

"A lot of students post their schedules on Facebook," said Kiss. "They also may post their dorm rooms."

In another interview for the same story, Keith Davis, a psychology professor with the University of South Carolina, said, "Any setting in which there are a lot of young people who are relatively free to roam and do whatever they want will probably have a higher rate than the national violence-against-women figures."

These comments should be reason enough for college students, especially women, to be judicious in the personal information they post on websites like MySpace and Facebook.

Granted, most people who use MySpace, Facebook, and other sites like them won't be targeted by criminals. They won't be stalked by their own parents and family members either. Many students do find a proper balance between academics and networking. However, many also become addicted to these sites, checking for updates constantly throughout the day. While pastimes and recreation are important, social networking over the Internet can be overdone, just like other activities.

So, good luck to you all as you search for that correct balance between academics and recreation, privacy and socialization, fun and safety. It's time for me to bring this editorial to a close—I've got to get back to updating my profile on Lions' Den.

2007 Orientation proved to be big success

BY CHELSEA SHOEMAKER
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It seems like yesterday each of us was waking up early to drive off into the middle of nowhere, only to discover Saint Leo University. On a hot, sticky day this past July, more than 400 freshman did just that.

Orientation: The event upcoming Saint Leo freshmen anticipate all summer. They're filled with anxieties for the weekend and upcoming school year.

"I'm nervous that I might get lost and I won't be able to find where I'm supposed to go," said freshman Meahgan Jameyson.

However, the orientation leaders and staff gave them no time to worry as they showed them how to live in The Real World: Saint Leo Style.

As the weekend began on the morning of Friday, July 13, freshman piled in the gym with their zealous parents leading the way. Separate lines parted them from one another, foreshadowing what was to happen in a month's time.

Once everyone checked in, the commencement began with a "casting video" from the previous cast members of the Real World (orientation leaders). This brought a laugh out of the nervous souls in the audience.

Then, it was time to begin rotations with each group of freshman, led by an orientation leader (OL).Each group was named after a season of the "Real World" or a vacation of the cast. The groups also enjoyed the comfort of the dining hall this year versus the air-conditioned tents of last year. Then, each group visited the advisors who corresponded to their majors, took the English Placement Exam, and a college survey.

The big event of the weekend came next. The students gathered after dinner in the gym to hear Landon of the "Real World: Philadelphia" and Cameron of the "Real World: San Diego" speak on roommate situations, drinking, and relationships. Afterwards, they hosted The Real World Challenge: Freshmen Meet. Two teams comprised of OL's and freshmen went head to head in four events: rock climbing, inflatable obstacle course, inflatable jousting, and a pit stop challenge. Team Transformers lost to The Mr. T's, a team name inspired by the OL Keiron's mohawk. Landon and Cameron stayed around for autographs and photos.

Photographed by Chelsea Shoemaker
Cameran and Landon speaking to the freshman class on Saturday night.

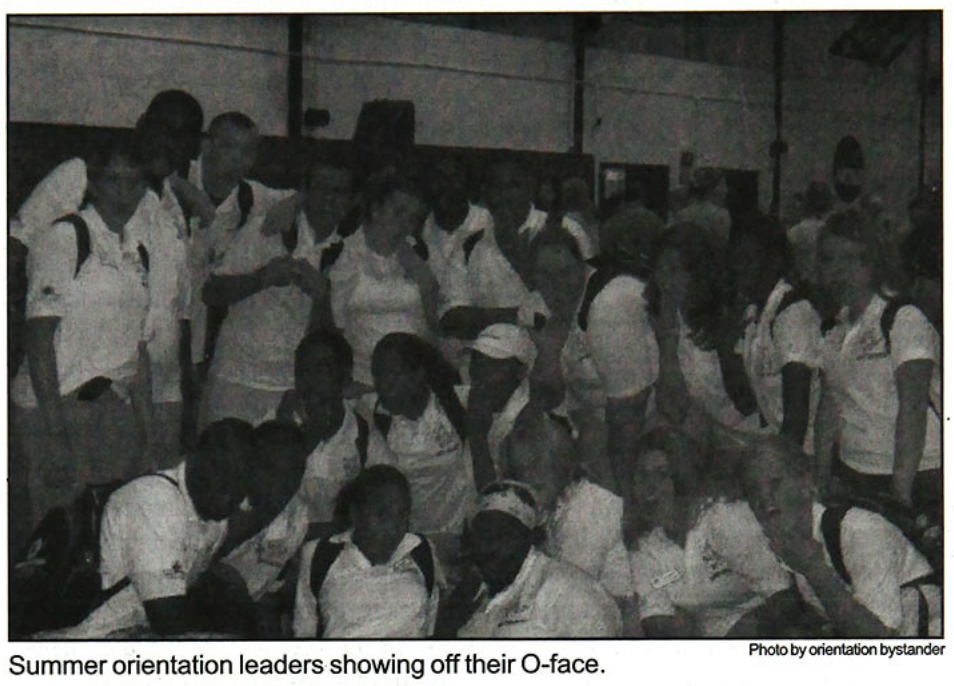

Photo by orientation bystander
Summer orientation leaders showing off their O-face.

The night ended with the ever popular Casino Night. Bingo was also a fun time for everyone there. At the end of the night prizes were raffled off to students, including I-pods, TVs, and Saint Leo gear.

After a sleepless night in Benoit and Henderson, the freshmen spent the morning learning about campus life, their new laptops, and got a laugh out of Harlan Cohen. He spoke about naked roommates, long distance girlfriends, and adjusting to life at a university in general.

"He was really informative," said Jameyson. "It was one of my favorite parts of the weekend. He made me feel a lot less scared for starting college."

The students had the option to stay for lunch and pick up their laptops before heading out to celebrate the last month of summer.

Soon, it was time to come back to Saint Leo and move in. The OLs were ready and waiting to start Fall Orientation.

This time around, orientation was bursting with even more momentous events, such as moving into new dorms. The residence halls opened on the morning of Thursday, August 23, and move-in continued all day Friday. The orientation leaders and Greeks leant a hand in the process on Friday morning.

In the afternoon was Matriculation, a formal ceremony celebrating the beginning of the new students' careers as undergraduates. Friday night, the freshmen danced the night away at Club Leo in the Lion's Den.

Saturday's schedule was split between information sessions about the exciting groups on campus and attending Playfair. Playfair involves two hours of wacky, interactive games designed to loosen up the students and introduce them to multitudes of other new students in a short period of time. Later that night the class of 2011 traveled to Muvico for a free night out at the theater.

Sunday morning everyone was allowed a few extra hours of sleep before starting the day's events. Mass was held in the Upper Chapel in the Abbey Church and celebrated by Father Michael with every chair filled.

After mass, brunch was offered before heading to the happiest place on earth, The Magic Kingdom. Despite the drizzling rain throughout the day, everyone loved partying with their new friends before starting the daily grind of classes on Tuesday.

Overall, the orientation was a success. Saint Leo provided a chance to meet celebrities, a free trip to a theme park, and best of all, a chance to meet the friends of a lifetime.

Coming Soon...

BY KRISTIN BRITTAIN
Lions' Pride Editor in Chief

"By early October the new Student Community Center should be in use," said Frank Mezzanini vice president of business affairs. Sometime in February there will be a formal grand opening, with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The roundabout in the center of the main entrance should be done in 6 weeks. The main entrance will be available for use then, and the final road project is projected to be finished in January.

Photo by Dr. Frank Mezzanini
The exterior of the almost completed Student Community Center.

Photo by Dr. Frank Mezzanini
A recent inside look of the Student Community Center.

Photo by Dr. Frank Mezzanini
Pictured from the roof of Lewis Hall is a better look at the soon to be finished roundabout.

An epic ending to a epic series

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows will the seventh, and final, book in the J.K. Rowling's series about the young wizard.

BY EFSTRATIOS KOMAS
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As of 12 a.m., July 21, 2007, our journey through the life of Harry Potter ended.

J.K. Rowling stunned and amazed people all around the world with this fine installment of literature. This book is like none of the others she has brought forth. She conjured such an immense darkness that was cast over both worlds. Harry, Ron, and Hermione venture through adolescence only to find themselves thrust into the turmoil of adulthood. Relationships are just beginning whilst others are starting to diminish. Friendships are put to the test of trust and loyalty. And, emotions are pushed everywhere through death and deceit. The true achievement of love remained a key factor to an end of an epic story.

Harry has already lost the lives of his parents, his godfather, Sirius Black, and Dumbledore, his most adored mentor. With the deaths of his loved ones, he begins his voyage to put an end to Voldemort's reign with his two best friends, Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger. Meanwhile, Lord Voldemort and his death eaters (followers of the Dark Lord) have seized the Ministry of Magic, throwing the wizard and muggle worlds alike into a state of chaos, as well as making other creatures decide whether to join forces with them or remain neutral.

Through this war, similar to a Holocaust, Harry tries to keep control of his temper. As he, Ron, and Hermione continue their journey to find the hidden Horcruxes (items Voldemort put his soul into to make him almost immortal), they are chased into seclusion and hiding. In addition to battling off death eaters in the darkness of woods all over the world, they are continually faced with the ever burdening feeling of despair and hopelessness.

Harry's strange connection to Voldemort's mind (established by the scar left on Harry's forehead from his first battle) has become a rather useful tool through his final adventures with the Dark Lord. This connection gave Harry the ability to know when Voldemort was close or even plans he had been concocting to become stronger. But, this connection gave Harry more of a taste of the dark side. One of the biggest plot twists was the decision of if Harry should continue to venture for the Horcruxes – the mission Dumbledore assigned him to end the war – or go after the Deathly Hallows, three magical objects which would make the person who possesses them become the Master of Death.

Harry's journey had even led him back to Godric's Hollow, his birthplace, as well as the place where Voldemort had murdered his parents. Here, he finds out vital information about the lives of his parents and even to the mysterious family of his most famous mentor, Albus Dumbledore. Harry is thrown into showdowns with arch enemies and is forced to decide between free will and fate, as well as facing some unreal truths about his parents and even Dumbledore. Through all these issues, the readers find out a number of characters have hidden agendas and aspects to their personalities and that choices and actions matter most of all.

J.K. Rowling has done an amazing job of portraying Harry Potter as someone in between adolescence, with school on his hands along with romances, and as an epic hero, never turning his back on people for the ultimate good of mankind. She allows readers to look at these characters as if they were real and relates them to the readers.

The world of Harry Potter is one in which all dreams and fantasies can come true. There is everything from flying cars to interactive portraits, and even mirrors that reflect a person's deepest desire in life. It is a world readers can relate to, where death and the daily upheaval of life will continue to unfold everyday. She has brought forth a series that will stay in generations' hearts for years to come.

Photo by flickr.com
People reading the last installment of the Harry Potter series.

Q & A with Harry Potter star James Phelps

BY MEAGHAN JAMEYSON
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

James Phelps

DragonCon is a huge SciFi convention. It was held in Atlanta, Georgia on Saturday, August 1. I attended solely for an interview with James Phelps, who plays Fred Weasley in the *Harry Potter* films. But after being there for five minutes, I realized how obsessesed with this convention people are; I saw storm troopers, wizards, and many variations of Captain Jack Sparrow.

After battling my way through all of these riotous characters, I finally caught up with Phelps, who, I must say, was quite charming.

Q: Have you read the seventh book yet?
A: No, I haven't. I just got through with the fifth one.

Q: Which of all the books is your favorite?
A: Book 3, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban.*

Q: Are you like your character, Fred, at all?
A: Aren't we all? In some ways, yes, in some, no....I have a twin obviously, but Fred goes a bit further with the pranking.

Q: Who is your favorite character in the books?
A: George and Peeves.

Q: What are the others like to work with?
A: Well they're really horrible people (laughs). No, they are really nice guys. We're really good friends with all of them.

Vans Warped Tour 2007 huge success despite limitations

BY ASHLEE MASULLO & MICHEAL DOWDAL
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The annually-held Vans Warped Tour is not for everyone. People who are opposed to walking around, hanging in crowds of people, and reeling on the verge of heat exhaustion will find themselves running for the door within minutes. However, the Warped Tour can be ridiculously fun, if you brave the downsides.

The typical roster of bands is a virtual Who's Who of popular punk and Indie. This year saw recent successes Cute Is What We Aim For, Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, Paramore, and Hawthorne Heights among veteran artists such as Bad Religion, Pepper, Throwdown, New Found Glory, and Coheed and Cambria.

All of the acts had to vie for stage time, and there were four stages set up. Because of this arrangement, it is impossible for someone to see a full set from every band.

Another downside was having to constantly move around to see the act of one's choice. This wouldn't have been an issue were it not for the hundreds of other fans also moving around to see their band, leading to collisions and uncomfortable situations.

The truncated time set for every act was another shortcoming; bands were given the same time of around 40 minutes.

The highlight of the show had to be a toss-up between the intense set of progressive rock band, Coheed and Cambria, and between punk rock legend, Bad Religion.

Bad Religion blistered through some of their best known tracks, "You," "Infected," and "I Want to Conquer the World," as well as new material.

Coheed and Cambria's front man, Claudio Sanchez, and his band mates performed at top notch, leaving the audience begging for more.

Newcomers Red Jumpsuit Apparatus have risen in the ranks of the pop-punk scene with singles "In Fate's Hands" and "Face Down." However, the band is very different in live performances than from their radio airplay tunes.

Another advantage to the Warped Tour system was the sheer amount of advertising that different bands, companies, and record labels gave away. This amounted to literally hundreds of dollars in free merchandise.

After a long day of heat and great music, the Warped Tour closed for another year. While there were a lot of negatives going in to the concert, the performances of some key bands as well as the sheer amount of activities really made the trip worth it. The day ended with memories of some great performances and one car almost entirely covered in bumper stickers.

Photo by warpedtour.com
Pepper's lead singer, Kaleo Wassman

Arts & Entertainment

Linkin Park in Projekt Revolution, a must see

BY ASHLEE MASULLO & MICHEAL DOWDAL
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The annual tour of Linkin Park's Projekt Revolution was a chaotic success this year, as loads of people varying from young to old crowded to see them. They showcased at the Ford Amphitheatre on August 11 this past summer. Linkin Park's featured bands this year included My Chemical Romance (MCR or My Chem), Taking Back Sunday (TBS), HIM, Placebo, Julien-K, Mindless Self Indulgence (MSI), Saosin, The Bled, Styles of Beyond, Madina Lake, and Art of Chaos (in select locations).

The bands performed on two different stages—the Revolution Stage and the Main Stage. The popular bands (Linkin Park, MCR, TBS, HIM, Placebo, and Julien-K) performed on the larger Main Stage. The lesser known bands (MSI, Saosin, The Bled, Styles of Beyond, Madina Lake, and Art of Chaos) performed on the smaller Revolution Stage. The lesser known bands performed first and in order of appearance, followed by the popular main-stream bands.

In an effort to go green this year, Linkin Park decided to donate $1 of every ticket sold towards the American Forests. They were able to do this through one of their charities, Music For Relief. They also used biodiesel on a large portion of their buses and transportation, helping to eliminate over 350 tons of carbon emissions. During the tour, booths were set up for the charity, providing information to those who wanted to help lower their greenhouse gas emissions.

The sets were split onto two different stages, but played through in a set order on both. First up was the Revolution Stage, which was a small stage with a pit out in the direct sun. After a few hours and five bands, the action moved to the main stage, which was set up in the Amphitheatre. Another strange addition was a large screen whereattendees could, after sending a text message to the appropriate number, display their own personal greetings to every other concert attendee. Aside from the typical messages supporting so-and-so's favorite band, there were quite a few attempts at starting crowd chants, and, strangely, an alarming number of marriage proposals.

Hundreds of people baked in sweltering heat to watch their favorite bands in action. Some could ask themselves if it was even worth it. Bands like HIM, Placebo, and Julien-K (a spin-off band of Orgy) did nothing to prove their worth on the Main Stage.

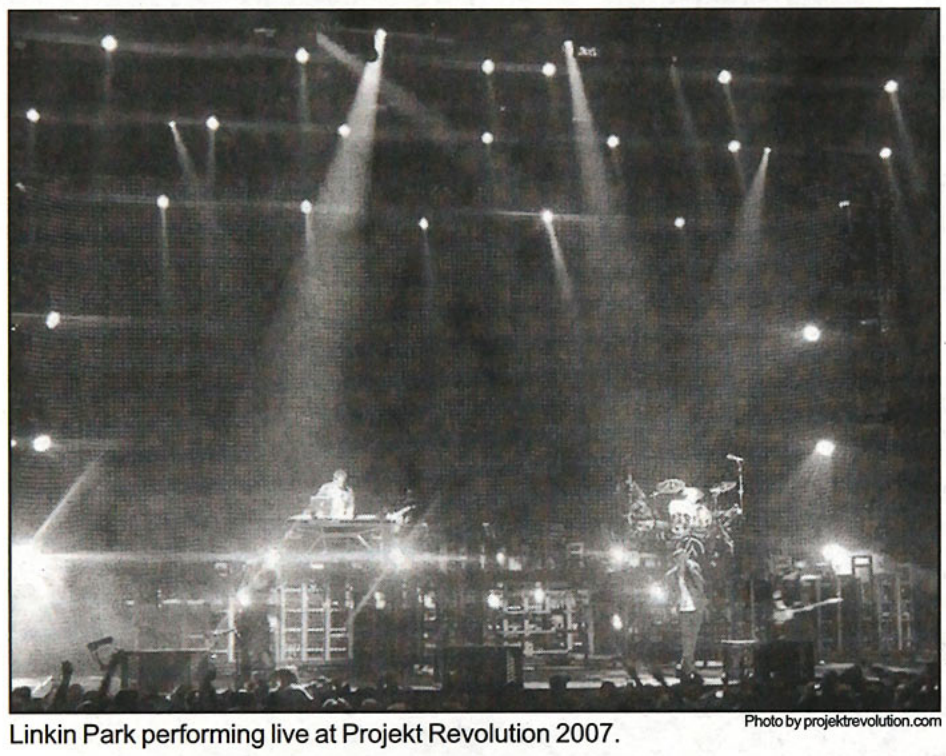


Photo by projektrevolution.com
Linkin Park performing live at Projekt Revolution 2007.

HIM was an utter disappointment. Not only did Ville Valo, lead singer, never addressed the audience, he barely moved from his mike stand the entire performance, leaving only to grab a beverage or smoke a cigarette. He did nothing to excite the audience and proved to be a complete waste of time to watch.

Placebo, whose trademark looks eerily similar to that of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, couldn't stop talking about how they were from England. Most of their songs didn't make sense and had no real tune. They were extremely hard to get into, with songs like "Special K" and "Nancy Boy."

Lastly, Julien-K proved to be one of the worst bands that could have possibly performed onstage. They should have stuck with Orgy, because they were terrible without Jay Gordon (lead singer of Orgy). Their flamboyant nature and Glam Rock/Death Pop ways were not very well received by the audience. Many were surprised to see a band like that even onstage.

However, there were indeed many bands that made the concert worthwhile. Mindless Self Indulgence, for example, proved to be great live.

They captured the essence of showmanship and shoved it in everyone's faces. Mindless Self Indulgence was given the opportunity to play on the Main Stage, but turned it down for the Revolution Stage so they could play longer. They topped any other Revolution band with just their performance etiquette. Jimmy Urine, lead singer and experienced crowd basher, thrived on making the audience laugh and shout. MSI most definitely made bearing the heat and long lines worth every penny.

Taking Back Sunday also did a great job with their performance. They played hits from their most recent album, *Louder Now*, as well as old songs from their early years. TBS performed much better live than expected, considering their previous acoustic sessions were not their best. Adam Lazzara, lead vocals, proved to be a comedic and conversational entertainer. Although the band was sporadic, and at times intense, they played well and put on a show worth seeing.

My Chemical Romance, an extremely theatrical band labeled "emo" by many, put on one of the most dramatic and insane shows at the festival. They played longer than any band before them and, perhaps, even longer than Linkin Park. It could be argued this was because of the length of many of their songs or the enthusiastic performance Gerard Way, lead vocalist, put on during the show. He would, quite literally, stand in a solid spot light and talk to the audience for fifteen minutes about how crazy everyone is and how insane the show was going to be. He would repeat this fifteen minute monologue after almost every song. Each song would be followed by a pyrotechnic light show, another spot light, and more of his elongated speeches. Overall, he seemed so comfortable being in front of the crowd that he actually put a blanket and a pillow on stage to lie down with while the performance was still going on.

After MCR finished playing, people started to notice a giant thunderstorm coming towards the Ford Amphitheatre. The stage manager came onto the stage to tell all of the people on the lawn outside the theatre to leave because of the lightning. The people in actual seats could stay. While some did in fact leave, a massive amount of people on the lawn decided to riot and stay. Many people stood outside in the pouring rain for over an hour and a half just to see Linkin Park. Was it worth it? Every raindrop.

Linkin Park put on an amazing performance. Their entire set was covered with lights that flashed the band's name or a video of some kind. The performance started by showing only the band members' silhouettes at first, their shadows emblazoned on colored sheets. The lights directed on the sheets would flash to the beat of the music. Then, as the music picked up, the band uncovered themselves and started their beautiful performance. They played songs from every album, even doing acoustic and *a cappella* versions of some songs. Their performance made the whole experience worthwhile, and in the end it was an unforgettable event.

Calender of Events, September 2007

Marx in SoHo, play by historian Howard Zinn
Dates: September 19, 20: 7 p.m.-9 p.m.
Location: University of South Florida, Theater Two
Contact: Robin Bajakiewicz

Now Write Writers Workshop
Dates: Friday, September 21: 2 p.m.-3 p.m.
Location: 500 3rd Street South, St. Petersburg
Contact: Cathy Salustri (727)-873-2028
Materials: Laptop, pen or pencil

Riverfront Park Moonlight Canoeing
Date: Friday, September 21: 7 p.m.-11 p.m.
Location: Riverfront Park, Fletcher Ave, Tampa, FL
Contact: (813)-974-5557
Price: $5/person- $10/boat

Challenge: Love. Serve. Grow.
Dates: Thursday, September 27: 8 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Location: USF- 13110 N. 50th Street
Contact: (813)-988-6487
Info: Free admission, live speakers, live bands, free pizza

Christian Edge Coffee House
Upcoming Concerts starting at 7 p.m.:

- *My Brother's Scars*
Date: Saturday, September 15

- *Three in One*
Date: Saturday, September 22

- *Darlene Dobson*
Date: Saturday, September 29

Dade City Car Show
First Saturday of every month
Location: Main Street
5 p.m.-9 p.m.

Saint Leo Outdoor Recreation Trip
Airboat Tour
Sign up: Wednesday, September 26
Trip: Saturday, September 29

A Jump on October...

The Good Doctor
Saint Leo University, Selby Auditorium
Fall Family Festival
October 19-20

Sports

Lady Lions rekindle victory at home

BY CAITLIN CRAFT
Lions' Pride Sports Editor

Some months ago, the Saint Leo Women's soccer (SLU) team gathered for a 90-minute battle against the University of West Florida (UWF) for the regional semi-finals in Tampa. This 90-minute game extended into two 10-minute overtimes with no change in score; therefore, the game came down to penalty kicks. Both teams fought for possession of glory, but in the end one team's shot and another team's misfortune put the Saint Leo Lions out of the tournament and in pursuit of revenge for the next season. This past weekend the Lions were granted that chance. Both men's and women's soccer teams traveled from west Florida to relive and rekindle the rivalry between these two teams.

After a long delay due to bad weather, Saint Leo kicked off their first game on their home field. The game began with one team's victory pending and SLU without their center mid-fielder. Saint Leo senior, Jennifer O'Connor, had to endure one of the biggest games of her senior year on the bench because of a concussion during practice earlier that week. O'Connor hopes to be back to play as soon as possible with the determination to make it to the regional tournament where these two teams could meet once more.

The Lions played their consistent 4-4-2 formation, which they used up in New Hampshire the pervious weekend.The Lions came back to Florida with a win, a loss, and mixed feelings about their season openers. With a number of new freshmen making various contributions on the field, the team worked on offensive and defensive chemistry and stability prior to the game. With the intensity of a big game such as this one and their first game at home, the Lions were more than ready to give UWF the proper greeting into the Lion's lair.

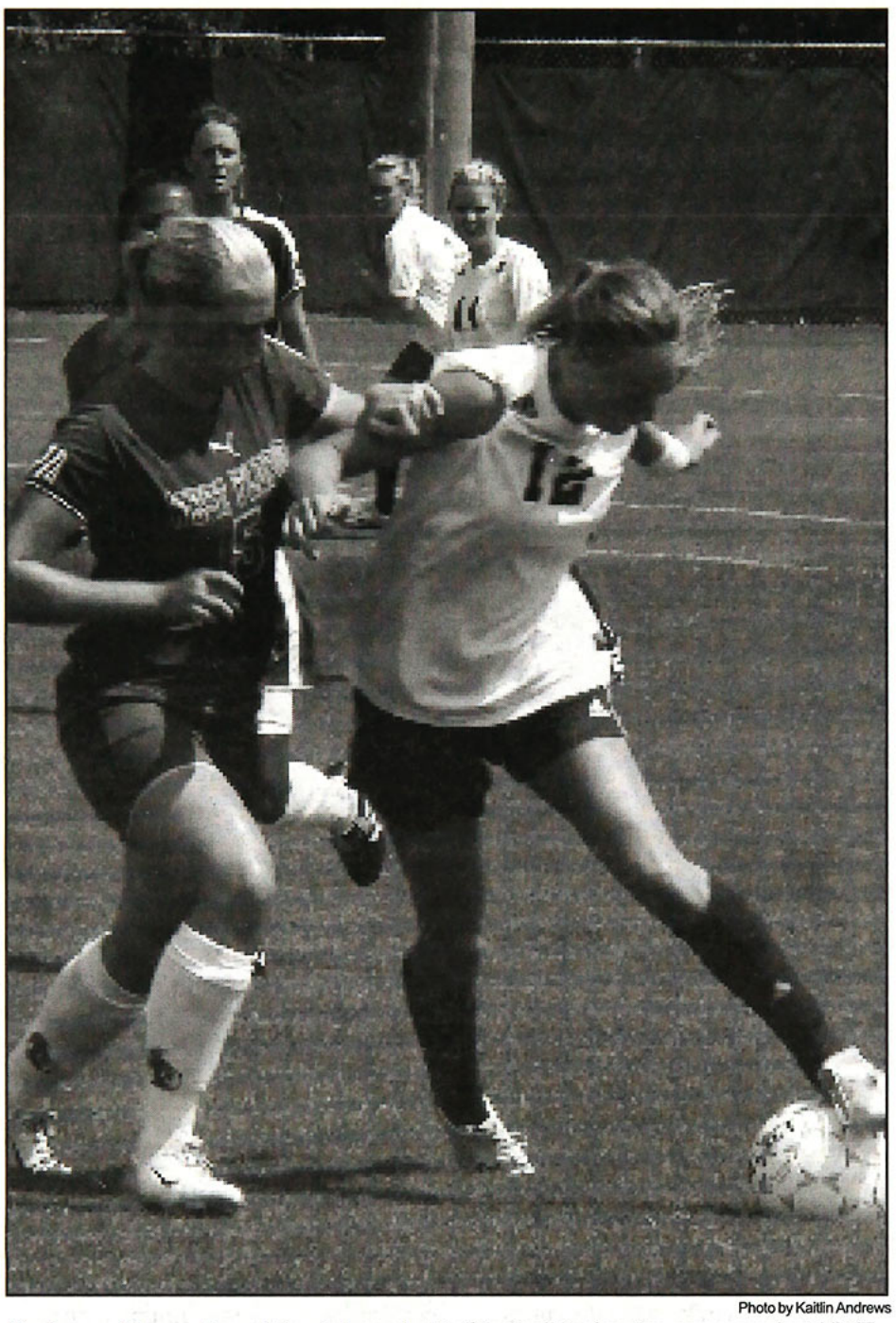


Photo by Kaitlin Andrews
Sophmore Hanna Beard tries to keep hold of the ball during the game against UWF.

Possession was fairly equal between the teams, but the Lions were the first to strike in the 17th minute of the game. Chrissy Darwell, a freshman from Cranston, R.I., made her first goal at home after she received a through ball from returning forward, sophomore Hannah Beard.

The Lion's were optimistic at half-time as they led the game 1-0.

As the heat blistered the second half, the Lions fought hard until the 57th minute when UWF evened out the score. With more than enough time for the Lions to strike back, they remained composed as head Coach Ged O'Connor relied on the compassion and the composure of his players to finish the game.

After UWF tied things up, it seemed as though the Lions were about to repeat the last meeting with this team; however, sophomore Sara Macko and junior Bridgett Godwin found each other for the game winner in the 73rd minute. Both players are outside mid-fielders with incredible speed. Godwin charged for a ball and settled it in the outside corner and made a beautiful cross to Macko who had positioned herself in the perfect spot for reception. With little time, the sophomore settled and scored. With so many flawed attempts after UWF had scored, the Lions finally put the ball in the net to seal the game and revive themselves of last year's disappointment.

With heart wrenching winners like these, fans can expect to see a lot more out of this women's soccer team as they strive to make this season better than last.

Saint Leo surfs internet waves

BY CAITLIN CRAFT
Lions' Pride Sports Editor

Once again, the Saint Leo broadcast window pops and cracks through the computer speakers with Eddie the Eagle, Edmond Kenny assistant athletic director, signing on for another spectacular tech savvy season of college sports.

The Saint Leo Sports Information Department has taken their live broadcast technology to the next level. In addition to the 43 selected sporting events due to be broadcast this year, the Saint Leo Department of Athletics has created podcasts for the 2007-2008 seasons.

Lion fans can now download using iTunes, broadcasts onto an iPod or an MP3 player from the Saint Leo Athletic website (saintleolions.com). Along with the free broadcast, the archives, and e-scores that have been available to listeners since last year, Eddie the Eagle has now created a Monday night talk show to recap weekend events, conduct interviews with coaches and players, and commentary on various sports including soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball, and lacrosse. The Monday night recap starts at 7 p.m.

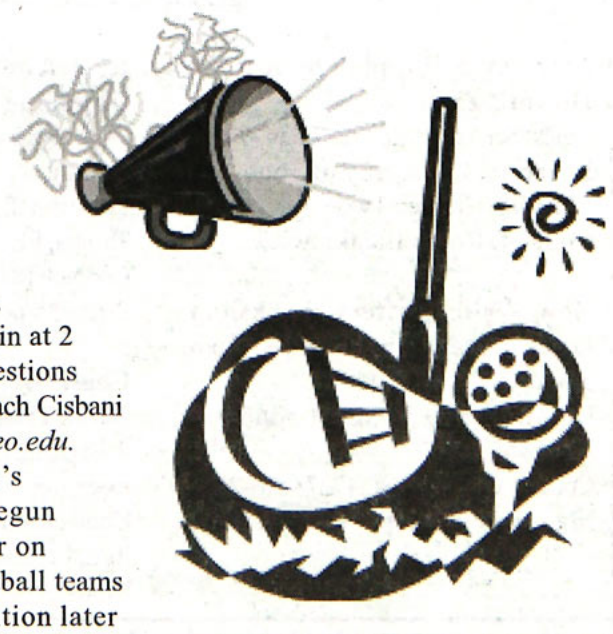
Eddie the Eagle is flying near and far this year. His first couple of broadcasts came in from New Hampshire where both the men's and women's soccer teams debuted their 2007-2008 season. Unfortunately, due to severe weather, the first home broadcasts for the Saint Leo soccer teams were cancelled.

With these latest options for parents, students, and fans, Eddie the Eagle and the Saint Leo Audiocast Network are sure to have a significant number of listeners tuning into cheer on the ever fierce Lions in all of their seasonal forms.

Open tryouts for new Lions

BY CAITLIN CRAFT
Lions' Pride Sports Editor

Attention freshman, transfers, and returning students. If swinging a golf club or jumping high in Saint Leo colors sparks the passion of an inner golf professional or cheerleader, come check out open tryouts.

Saint Leo men's head golf coach, Ray Cisbani, has set the dates for open tryouts for Sunday, September 16 at the Tampa Bay Golf and Country Club. All athletes trying out for either sport must have a signed physical report for their selected activity. Golf team tryouts with begin at 2 p.m. For information or questions students can contact head coach Cisbani at *raymond.cisbani@saintleo.edu.*

Meanwhile, Saint Leo's cheerleading squad has begun looking for talent to cheer on men's and women's basketball teams and to participate in competition later this year. Selections for the team will be made on September 8. For further information regarding cheerleading, please contact head coach Melissa Hudson or assistant coach Emi Young by e-mail at *cheerleading@saintleo.edu.*